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MEMO FOR THE RECORD OF THE CLARK COMMITTEE

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Colonel Miller's interest in OO/C began with a discussion of alien resettlement. Again he was principally concerned in cost of resettlement and physical installations. He was especially interested in when the individuals became self-sufficient and off the federal payroll. He asked consistently for actual cash outlay figures, both in [REDACTED] and OO/C.

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As it developed, McGruder's interests somewhat paralleled Colonel Miller's in that his concern was wherein did OO/C's collection efforts parallel or duplicate those of other federal agencies.

Mr. McGruder appears to be interested in personnel selection, rotation and placement from his questions.

The theme of economy of operations as compared to end results and ultimate motives was again clearly woven into the day's meeting. The Colonel just attempted to determine how much of OO/C's reporting was of a crash, current basis and how much was used for the purpose of studies, estimates and research. Due to normal time lag of publishing reports, the Colonel seemed satisfied in his own mind that OO/C was engaged in the latter type of collection. Colonel Miller then asked us to justify why we needed an expensive teletype system to tie this low-priority (time-wise) information into headquarters. He was satisfied with the answers given, but his interest in economy of operations was strongly evidenced.

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